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Rail freight traffic from the USSR to East Germany between October 1953 and January 1954 was covered as follows:

The present report is based on information on rail traffic through East German border stations received in February 1954. A total of 1,425 carloads of military supply goods from the USSR entered East Germany in February. This volume of traffic considerably surpassed the monthly average of 800 to 1,000 carloads as observed during 1953. This increase is almost entirely due to a higher volume of ration supply shipments which amounted to 575 carloads as against a monthly average of 60 carloads in 1953. The increased ration supply shipments reflect the critical food situation in East Germany.

The total supply traffic is broken down as follows:

ammunition	354 cars
fuel	15 "
heavy weapons	12 "
motor vehicles	119 "
hand arms and army equipment	1 "
signal equipment	2 "
tank spare parts	99 "
ration supply	575 "
clothing	38 "
aircraft	16 "
undetermined military goods	194 "

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